

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Bridge joints are required primarily because of thermal expansion and contraction in the roadway of a bridge. Also they accommodate initial contraction on setting of concrete in the roadway and relative shear and rise/fall of adjacent roadway sections.--

Prior to line 11 of page 1, please insert a new heading as follows:

--Summary of the Invention--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Preferably, the support formations are open, circular section grooves; and the crossbeams have spherical ends which fit into the grooves. The grooves may be supplemented by support lips abutting the underside of the crossbeams, particularly where the edge beams are not expected to rise and fall with respect to each other.--

Prior to line 17 of page 2, please insert a new heading as follows:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--.

Prior to line 23 of page 2, please insert a new heading as follows:

--Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The crossbeams support a number, three as shown, of intermediate roadway beams 20.

They are of general I-beams shape, with small grooves 21 in their heads 22. The edge

flanges 8 of the edge beams also have such small grooves 21. Via these small grooves a diaphragm seal 23 is connected between each adjacent pair of roadway beams. These seals exclude water and dirt from the parts of the joint beneath them. The heads of the roadway beams provide the roadway surface between the concrete of the roadway sections 2, 3. Feet 24 of the intermediate beams rest on the crossbeams. These transfer road loads to the edge beams via the balls 14 and lips 16 at the lower side of the mouth of the grooves 9.--

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 3 - 12 have been cancelled. Claims 13 - 21 have been added.

1. (Amended) A bridge joint for joining two sections of a roadway of a bridge, the bridge joint comprising:

a plurality of roadway beams extending across the roadway and including;